

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is ordered.

Before we adjourn, all delegates present now but not present at the earlier roll call may indicate their presence on the supplemental roll call.

(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)

We will adjourn until Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

(Thereupon, at 5:40 P.M. the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 2, 1968.)

PLENARY SESSION

JANUARY 2, 1968—12:15 P.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation this morning will be offered by the Reverend Henry Neikirk, Pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Dundalk.

Pastor Neikirk is the uncle of Mrs. Groh, the wife of Delegate Groh.

REVEREND NEIKIRK: Almighty God who has given unto us, Thy people, a State whose foods abound in the waters of the seas and from whose hills we reap the fruits of the earth and the products of forest and mine; whose valleys are rich in cattle and the products of the soil; and whose cities teem with industry, we thank Thee for the past blessings of free men and for government responsive to the needs of her people.

Be with us in this assembly called to write a constitution under which free men shall live. Endow these delegates of the people with clear minds, sympathetic and understanding of the needs of all, to help them to sublimate all selfish, personal and political desires to the interest of all citizens of our State. To this end, O Father, we seek Thy presence with us, Thy direction in our councils, and Thy blessings upon all our citizens.

This we ask O Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

(Whereupon, the roll was called.)

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate answered roll call?

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. President, my key is not working today.

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will please note Delegate Boileau's presence.

Has every delegate answered roll call?

The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is in session.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, there has been a delay in the printing of today's Calendar and Agenda, but the items of business will be in the usual order, and on second reading to have all remaining matters on Saturday's calendar except those which were made special orders.

It is my suggestion that we proceed on that basis, and then adopt the Calendar and Agenda when it arrives.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the tentative Calendar, consideration of the usual reports in the usual order, including second reading of all remaining reports of the various committees.

Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

I am sure I speak for all of us in extending to Delegate Richard Cleveland a very warm welcome on his return to the Convention after a long absence for illness. We are delighted to see him. *(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The secretary asked me to remind all delegates who did not receive their commissions last Saturday to please get them from his office. He is apprehensive that the glass may be broken unless they are picked up quickly, so if you did not get your commission, will you please stop in Mr. Martineau's office and get it?

Are there any reports, Mr. Clerk? There is a memorandum. The Clerk will read the memorandum.